



St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

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Our Vision:

At St Andrew's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential. Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:7)

Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere

Dear Parents and Carers,



As part of the school's ongoing commitment to improving the site and ensuring it is a pleasant and safe environment for learning and work, the first phase of the toilet refurbishment in the Benton building was completed over the Easter break. It has made a huge difference. The second phase for the Nursery will happen over the summer holidays. We have also received quotes for the first phase of the playground resurfacing in Nursery and Reception. More information on what this will look like will be shared in the following weeks.

Children from across the school have embraced the recent Art Exhibition with the theme 'Art Around the World' by creating the most inspiring and unique artwork to decorate their class windows and learning spaces. From Reception children creating vibrant collage pieces to interpret animals from around the world, to Year 6 producing detailed and dramatic images of famous global landmarks, the finished artwork was spectacular. We hope you were able to view the artwork, and you enjoyed the experience!



The winners and runners up were celebrated in an awards assembly, where the children were given their prizes. Well done to everyone for their creations and enthusiasm.



Our Year 6 students delivered a retelling of the Easter Story at the church before Easter half term, performing for both KS1 and KS2. The children handled the production with incredible maturity and talent, capturing the season's significance perfectly. It was a joy to see our younger pupils so captivated by their older peers' hard work and dedication. A huge "well done" to Year 6 for such a professional performance, and a big thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes!

Year 3 visited Mill Lane Community Garden and learned more about biodiversity. We made some bird feeders and planted sunflower seeds. The children took time to admire all the work that has been done on the site and enjoyed the practical activities. Many thanks to the volunteers who ran the activities.



Year 5 have been studying area and perimeter in maths. The children in Antarctica class were tasked with calculating the area of the football pitches to see how much it would cost if they were to build a fence surrounding them. In science, the children have been exploring living things and their habitats. Americas class enjoyed dissecting flowering plants to look at each of the parts and then trying to grow their own offspring from spider plants.

As part of their Religious Education topic on Judaism, Year 4 were delighted to welcome a visiting Rabbi to school. The children learned about key aspects of Jewish life, including the importance of the Torah, the synagogue, and the celebration of Shabbat. Pupils asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed exploring artefacts, which helped bring their learning to life. The visit was a valuable opportunity to deepen understanding and promote respect for different faiths and cultures.





Three of our pupils, Millie, Fern, and Georgia, took part in the poetry slam final at John Hampden Primary School and performed brilliantly! Each of them spoke clearly and confidently, using actions to support their poems, all of which they had learnt by heart. They were each awarded a medal and certificate to recognise their effort and achievement. They enjoyed the experience and we are proud of what they accomplished.



Thank you for your continued support,

Annette Mashru - Headteacher